

**MINUTES  
MACOMB COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
MAY 2, 2007**

President Bucci began the meeting at 12 Noon held at Freedom Hill County Park.

**ROLL CALL**

Dino F. Bucci, Jr., President  
Ann E. Klein, Vice-President  
William J. Revoir, Secretary  
Marvin E. Sauger, Sergeant at Arms,  
Phillip A. DiMaria  
Anthony J. Lipinski  
Timothy M. Malone  
Robert M. Sawicki,  
Gene Schabath, (Rep. Mr. Marrocco)  
Betty Slinde  
Ruthie Stevenson

**Others Present:**

Anthony G. Casasanta, David Humbyrd and Sharon Quinn of Parks & Recreation; Jim Meyerand, Corporation Counsel; Carl Marlinga, representing, Johnson Enterprise; Gloria Johnson; and Maria Zardis, Macomb Grants Coordinator

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER MALONE WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. MOTION CARRIED.**

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Fran Parker of Sterling Heights, inquired about taxpayer's donations for fireworks, plans for children activities at Freedom Hill, and bids for security.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER REVOIR WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE REGULAR MINUTES OF APRIL 4, 2007. MOTION CARRIED.**

**BUDGET REPORT**

Mr. Casasanta reported there were no major expenses and we are receiving revenue for grounds rentals.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER STEVENSON WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE BUDGET REPORT. MOTION CARRIED.**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Casasanta referenced the correspondence included in the Commission packet regarding sign sponsorship, 1% gross ticket sales, and concert schedule was sent to Hillside Productions. Mr. Casasanta also stated that the Commission should be in receipt of a handout from Tracey Moro and Hillside Productions concert schedule.

Commissioner Klein asked about the length of the annual contract for Studio Communications. President Bucci explained the renewed contract continues with her original month of January.

Commissioner Revoir asked when the Commission normally receives the 1% gross ticket sales and sign sponsorships. Mr. Meyerand responded that typically we would already have received these revenues.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO RECEIVE AND FILE CORRESPONDENCE. MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

2007 Fireworks Event

Mr. Casasanta reported the Park requested a waiver letter on escrow from Hillside Productions that is required with the fireworks permit application to be submitted by June.

Hillside has responded in writing that they will consider the Park's request for the waiver only after the Park's Board notifies them of the parking fee to be charged and the type of display available for fireworks.

President Bucci stated the Park has been promised a \$10,000 donation from a private sponsor for the 2007 fireworks. President Bucci also suggested that there not be a charge for parking this 4<sup>th</sup> of July due to the poor economy in Macomb County.

Commissioner Klein suggested the Park accept food donations for the Macomb County Food Bank in lieu of parking fees.

Discussion ensued about parking rates versus food donations.

Mr. Meyerand suggested that the Board consider keeping the parking fee the same as last year.

Further discussion ensued relative to answering Hillside's request for information. Commissioner DiMaria stated that the canned food drive is a good idea and also strongly suggested the Park should answer questions raised in Hillside's correspondence, as the Park's objective is to have fireworks.

Commissioner Stevenson also agreed with Commissioner Klein and Commissioner DiMaria, but expressed strong concern in placing the County in a bind.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA WAS MADE TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CLIENT PRIVILEGED INFORMATION.**

**ROLL CALL VOTE**

	<u>YES</u>	<u>NO</u>
KLEIN	X	
BUCCI	X	
DIMARIA	X	
LIPINSKI	X	
MALONE	X	
SCHABATH	X	
SAWICKI	X	
SAUGER	X	
SLINDE	X	
REVOIR	X	
STEVENSON	X	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11</b>	

**MOTION CARRIED TO GO INTO CLOSED SESSION.**

The Parks Commission went into closed session at 12:25 p.m.

The Parks Commission reconvened the regular meeting at 12:55 p.m.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA WAS MADE TO KEEP THE PARKING FEE FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY FIREWORKS AT \$5.00, AS WELL AS, ACCEPT CANNED FOODS FOR THE MACOMB COUNTY FOOD DRIVE, AND HAVE A MINIMUM OF \$10,000 ON FIREWORKS DISPLAY. MOTION CARRIED.**

Open Space Plan

Mr. Casasanta reported the Master Plan was approved by the Full Board. Mr. Casasanta thanked Commissioners Bucci and Schabath for attending the Operational Services meeting and Mr. Schabath for his attendance at the Full Board and making themselves available for comments about the Open Space Plan.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA AND SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE TO RECEIVE AND FILE INFORMATION. MOTION CARRIED.**

2007 Outdoor Market Proposal

Mr. Marlinga represented Gloria Johnson and handed out a revised outdoor market contract to the Commission.

Discussion ensued about the County handling markets and conducting request for proposals on markets.

**COMMISSIONER SLINDE CALLED FOR THE QUESTION TO END DISCUSSION. VOTE WAS TAKEN WITH 2/3RDS VOTING "YES", AND COMMISSIONERS BUCCI, SCHABATH, DIMARIA AND REVOIR REQUESTED THAT THEIR "NO" VOTES BE RECORDED. DISCUSSION ENDED.**

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAWICKI WAS MADE TO APPROVE OUTDOOR MARKETS WITH MODIFICATION TO THE BUSINESS NAME AND SUBJECT TO BOTH COUNSEL REPRESENTATIVES. MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONERS DIMARIA, SCHABATH, LIPINSKI, AND BUCCI VOTING "NO".**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Roctoberfest

Mr. Casasanta referenced Mr. Garland's letter requesting to hold a festival on the park grounds on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007 with a live band, concessions, beer and wine. Mr. Casasanta recommended this event and reported normal rates for the park and security will apply.

Commissioner Malone stated he would like to be a point of contact for any problems during this event.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER TO APPROVE ROCTOBER EVENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE PARK ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE STIPULATED CONDITIONS AND A \$7.00 PARKING FEE. MOTION CARRIED.**

2007 Summer Fun Brochure

Mr. Casasanta referenced the flyers and prices for this year's mailing and recommended printing 15,000 brochures for \$740 due to budget constraints. These brochures will be disseminated through the network of county libraries, callers placed on our mailing list, Macomb county departments, and municipalities.

Discussion ensued.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE WAS MADE TO CONCEPTUALLY APPROVE THE SUMMER FUN BROCHURE AND THE COMMISSION REPORT THEIR INPUT ON NECESSARY CHANGES FOR REVISIONS. MOTION CARRIED WITH COMMISSIONER DIMARIA VOTING "NO".**

2007 Harley Fest Request for \$10 Parking Fee

President Bucci pointed out to the Commission the Park has received correspondence from the Sponsor of Harley Fest that the "Rainbow Connection" would receive charity donations from the Harley Fest event.

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SLINDE, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAUGER WAS MADE TO APPROVE THE \$10.00 PARKING FEE FOR 2007 HARLEYFEST. MOTION CARRIED.**

Michigan Whirlybird's Request for Park Use

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER DIMARIA, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAWICKI WAS MADE APPROVING THE WHIRLYBIRD'S REQUEST TO USE THE WEST LOT. MOTION CARRIED.**

Macomb County Grants Coordinator

Maria Zardis, Grants Coordinator, stated if the Parks Commission had any time constraints she would be available at the next Commission meeting.

OTHER

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SCHABATH, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAWICKI WAS MADE TO HAVE CORPORATION COUNSEL REVIEW THE COUNTY HANDLING OUTDOOR MARKETS NEXT YEAR. MOTION CARRIED WITH 4 "NO" VOTES. MOTION CARRIED.**

Commissioner Revoir asked Mr. Casasanta if Mr. Randazzo would be participating with the Food Drive Rally. Mr. Casasanta stated he did make contact with him and Mr. Randazzo indicated he could not participate this year with the Post Office Food Drive.

ADJOURNMENT

**A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KLEIN, SUPPORTED BY COMMISSIONER SAWICKI WAS MADE TO ADJOURN THE COMMISSION MEETING. MOTION CARRIED.**

President Bucci adjourned the Parks & Recreation Commission meeting at 1:50 p.m.

Sincerely,

William J. Revoir, Secretary  
Macomb County Parks & Recreation Commission

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